

# **Largymore Primary School eLearning Policy**

## **What is e-Learning?**

This is learning that is made possible and supported through the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in school and at home. Whatever the technology being used by the individual learning, it is at the core of the educational journey. Undoubtedly, eLearning involves engaging in a wide range of learning activities, both inside and outside school, including the use of ICT to support life-long-learning for families. Schools involved in eLearning use a mixture of familiar learning techniques and traditional methodologies combined with e-learning that is delivered entirely online.

## **What is a VLE?**

We will be developing a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in Largymore Primary School. We are using the computer-based learning environment called Fronter run by C2K. The advantage of online learning means that it can be accessed from any computer with internet access in the world.

## **What is in Fronter?**

Fronter is an online tool that has some of the following features:

- communication tools (messaging and bulletin boards);
- collaboration tools (online forums, electronic diaries and calendars);
- tools to create online content and courses;
- online assessment and marking;
- controlled access to curriculum resources; e.g. online educational videos and an area to store files

### **eLearning in our school:**

The school has a managed computer service supported by C2K which provides us with networked laptops and PCs in each class and 12 networked PCs and 3 networked laptops in the computer suite. Every class also has access to iPad devices. In Foundation Stage there are 5 iPad Air 2 devices to share between classes and at Key Stage 1 there is a set of 10 iPad 2 devices that are shared. In Key Stage 2 each class has access to 7 iPad Air 2 devices. We have an Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom. We have a C2K wireless network that allows children to access their individual documents, the internet and a local printer to support their eLearning skills development. We also have installed a Fastnet network to facilitate access to WIFI for the iPad devices. In addition we use digital media to support teaching and learning in the classroom through the use of Beebots, Pro-bots and digital cameras.

### **eLearning at Home:**

If you have an internet connection at home, your child will be able to access MySchool and Fronter and thus interact in a safe and controlled way.

### **eLearning links with other schools**

It is hoped that through Fronter online discussions with other Northern Ireland schools will begin to develop and then links established with schools further afield.